

Ciccolella, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Veterans Employment and Training, Department of Labor; Sigurd Nilsen, Director, Education, Workforce, and Income Security Issues, GAO; Roger Madsen, Director, Department of Labor, State of Idaho; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of October 29, 2001, p. D1064)

S. 1465, to authorize the President to exercise waivers of foreign assistance restrictions with respect to Pakistan through September 30, 2003. Signed on October 27, 2001. (Public Law 107-57)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: business meeting to consider S. 1519, to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to provide farm credit assistance for activated reservists, focusing on credit title provisions, and subcommittee assignments, 2:30 p.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine the progress in making stem cells available to federally-funded researchers, 9 a.m., SD-124.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, and Water, to hold hearings to examine innovative financing mechanisms related to the drinking water and clean water state revolving fund, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings on the nomination of George L. Argyros, Sr., of California, to be Ambassador to Spain, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to Andorra; the nomination of Robert M. Beecroft, of Maryland, for the rank of Ambassador as Head of Mission, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), Bosnia and Herzegovina; the nomination of Lyons Brown, Jr., of Kentucky, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Austria; the nomination of Stephan Michael Minikes, of the District of Columbia, to be U.S. Representative to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, with the rank of Ambassador; the nomination of William D. Montgomery, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia; the nomination of Melvin F. Sembler, of Florida, to be Ambassador to Italy; and the nomination of Ronald Weiser, of Michigan, to be Ambassador to the Slovak Republic, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: with the Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services, to continue joint hearings on Tracking International terrorism through the mail, focusing on the protection of postal workers and the public, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Select Education and the Subcommittee on 21st Century Competitiveness, joint hearing on Tracking International Students in Higher Education-Policy Options and Implications for Students, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2983, Price-Anderson Reauthorization Act of 2001; and H.R. 3046, Medicare Regulatory, Appeals, Contracting, and Education Reform Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, to consider the following measures: H.R. 2871, amended, Export-Import Bank Reauthorization Act of 2001; H.R. 2604, amended, to authorize the United States to participate in and contribute to the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asia Development Fund and the fifth replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and to set forth additional policies of the United States towards the African Development Bank, the African Development Fund, the Asian Development Fund, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and H.R. 556, Unlawful Internet Gambling Funding Prohibition Act, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on the Afghan People vs. the Taliban: the Struggle for Freedom Intensifies, 3 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2873, Promoting Safe and Stable Families Amendments of 2001; and H.R. 3129 Customs Border Security Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Joint Meetings

Conference: closed meeting of conferees on S. 1438, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2002 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military constructions, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe personnel strengths for such fiscal year for the Armed Forces, 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., SC-5, Capitol.

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings on the Romanian leadership of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), focusing on the work of the OSCE in strengthening security, preventing conflict and management crises in the OSCE region, as well as promoting respect for human rights and democratic values in the OSCE participating states under Romania's Chairmanship, 9:30 a.m., SR-385.